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### Passing Away.

One by one, and with almost startling rapidity, the great men of the Republic are passing away. In the nearly contemporaneous deaths of Congressmen Brooks and Oakes Ames, it is to be hoped the nation loses not only the prime movers of that blighting corruption of so many of our public men—the Credit Mobilier—but that the corruption may be buried likewise. The careers of these two men should serve as a warning to their successors and the Nation at large, of the exceeding danger of making haste to be rich. Both had lived otherwise honorable and useful lives. Brooks, as one of the founders of the New York *Express*, fought valiantly for more than a quarter of a century in the same conflict which enlisted the services of General Hallock, of the *Journal of Commerce*; James Gordon Bennett, of the *Herald*, and Horace Greeley, of the  *Tribune*; and his name is inseparably connected with the rise and progress of modern journalism in the metropolis. Varying widely in their qualifications, and their characteristics, yet each labored zealously, emulating each other in their enterprise, and to them belongs the credit more than to any others, of the present proud pre-eminence of the New York Press. And one cannot but mourn over the weakness of an otherwise honorable life, as he reads the last will and testament of Congressman James Brooks; for it tells its own story of being in haste to be rich more tersely and convincingly than any report of a Congressional Investigating Committee.

The career of Hon. Oakes Ames was emphatically that of an enterprising merchant and manufacturer, in which he acquired large wealth, and maintained throughout an honorable reputation. And it was only late in life that he became engaged in politics. Here it would seem he became demoralized so that while his intimate friends and neighbors may gratefully remember and cherish the memory of the generous, open-hearted and open-handed, enterprising old man; and the nation admire the pluck and enterprise which could carry through to a successful completion that great iron highway to connect the Atlantic with the Pacific, yet will they longer remember the corruption of the Credit Mobilier, and that system of legislation, which placed things “where they would do the most good.” In charity to the departed, however may we not reverse the order of that celebrated line in Byron’s *Childe Harold*:

“Linked with a single virtue and a thousand crimes,”  
“Linked with a thousand virtues and a single crime.”

But passing from these to a far nobler and more distinguished man, it is with most profound sorrow that we are compelled to record the death of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase—the last of the great men whom President Lincoln called into his Cabinet.

To go back to the old Whig and Democratic era, it will be found that Mr. Chase stood forth a pioneer in the anti-slavery movement. Once a Democrat he left the party in the zenith of its power, morally convinced that it was wrong on the slavery question. His moral courage was proverbial, not a follower but a leader—in this new anti-slavery movement. To him more than anybody else, perhaps, should be given the credit of organizing and establishing what was then the new Republican party.

As Secretary of the Treasury, his originality and boldness of conception were no less apparent. His great mind, fertile in resource, unabashed and uncontrolled, enabled him to inaugurate and maintain a banking system which contributed largely to the success of the nation in its hour of peril. When all ordinary resources failed to furnish money for the war he set in motion a unique agency for placing the national loans which proved instantly and brilliantly successful. He invented the system of five-twentieths and ten-fourths for the permanent funding of the national debt; and no scheme has yet been found better than this in the completeness and flexibility of its operation. It is especially worthy to be recorded of Mr. Chase, in these days of public malfeasance in office, that he was incorruptible. He discharged his duties with fidelity; the vilest never accused him of self-seeking. He went out from the Cabinet a poorer man than when he went in.

When the great struggle was over, and the supremacy of the Union established, he was called to preside over that high tribunal which determines the supreme law of the land. As Chief Justice, he maintained the dignity of that peerless office not less nobly than any of his renowned predecessors. No better tribute to his memory can be given than that accorded by the Union League Club of New York, on Thursday evening:

“Peace to his venerated ashes, which sleep with those of his great compatriots, with Lincoln, and Stanton, and Seward, the four great statesmen of their time, whom a grateful country will ever remember as associated with its darkest peril and its proudest triumph.”

The funeral obsequies of Chief Justice Chase which took place in the Capitol at Washington, were very impressive in their character. The Senate Chamber was hung with the emblems of mourning. All the foreign legations were represented. Many Senators, and Representatives, the heads of Departments etc., were present. Dr. Tiffany delivered the funeral address which was eminently a fitting tribute to the memory of one who is truly the nation’s loss.

### Arctic Perils.

The last Arctic expedition has resulted disastrously, and from the bleak, unsunited regions of the north comes again the old story of martyrdom and privation for the cause of science; the unquenchable thirst of man in his vain attempt to fathom the unknown and boundless this side the eternal. With the heroic names of Franklin, Kane and others of lesser note must now be added that of Captain Charles F. Hall, of the Polaris.

The narrative of the survivors is full of interest and thrilling adventure. H. C. Tyson, who sailed with Capt. Hall as assistant navigator, has arrived at St. John’s N. F. accompanied by eighteen of his companions having been taken off from an iceberg by the Tigress on the 30th of April last, in latitude 53° 30', after having spent 196 days on the floe. The remarkable preservation and escape of this party, composed partly of women and children, is wonderful in the extreme. Myers, one of the party, says he never gave up hope of being rescued, but never wants to get into so tight a corner again. They never could have reached here but for the Esquimaux. They had been landed from the Polaris, were driven from her by a gale which burst her moorings on the 15th of October, 1871, in latitude 72° 35'. When they last saw the Polaris she was under steam and canvas, making for a harbor on the east side of Northumberland Island. When the party separated from the ship it was dark, and the darkness continued over two months, with but two hours of light daily. “We managed well so long as we had a snow house to shelter us, but we had to take to the boat and get on another field of ice which was too small for a house, and we were kept warm only by swallowing seal fat and blood and burning fat in pans, and the last of which also served as a signal light at night. We have suffered most since April 1. On the night of April 21 the sea washed over the jam of ice with great force. The women and children were under the boat, while the men were outside trying to keep the boat from being washed away. Some of the men were washed off several times. After being rescued their feet and hands swelled, and sickness set in, but they recovered, and are almost entirely well.”

In regard to Captain Hall, it is stated that in a sledging expedition from which he returned Oct. 24th, 1871, he crossed Kane’s Open Polar Sea, which he found to be a strait, fourteen miles wide, with an appearance of open water further north. The highest latitude reached was 82 deg. 26' min. On the same night of the return from this expedition, Capt. Hall was struck with appendicitis. The next morning he found the left side of his body paralyzed. He remained in that condition for three days, when he got better. In a few days he relapsed and became delirious, and so continued until the morning of November 8th, when he died.

Capt. Hall has been identified with Arctic explorations, since 1860, when he sailed in search of Sir John Franklin, and brought back with him more particulars of Sir John’s fate than any other explorer.

### The Princeton Prizes.

The annual contest for the “Thomson prizes” of Princeton College on Saturday and was a brilliant affair. It took place in the gymnasium, which was handily decorated with flags. The prizes were three in number—a handsome ring; and two unique medals. The contestants, who composed the members of the senior class, were J. C. Drayton, J. A. Dullus, E. F. Garnett, R. W. Hall, H. H. Hewitt, R. L. Lawrence. These six young men have been training for months past under the direction of Mr. George Golden, Instructor of Gymnastics at Princeton. The gymnasium hall was crowded with students, professors, ladies and friends of the College, among whom was recognized Mr. Robert Bonner, through whose liberality the building was erected. The Judges, through Dr. McCosh announced that the first prize for general excellence, was awarded to Dullus; the second, for heavy gymnastics, to Hall; the third for fancy gymnastics, to Hewitt. The doctor then took occasion to refer to the presence of their generous patron, Mr. Bonner, to thank him for his large share in the encouragement of gymnastic training at Princeton.

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**TOWN COMMITTEE.**—At the meeting of this body on Friday evening last, all the members, were present, and the discussion was mainly upon the gas light question. No definite action however was taken, on account of the non receipt of the certified bill, under the provisions of which the committee acts. A copy of the law, however, has now been received, and it is probable that contracts will soon be made which will insure the lighting of our streets with gas at no distant day.

**OUR NEWARK ADVERTISERS.**—Attention is respectfully called to our new advertisers from Newark. Messrs. COREY & STEWART, the popular hatters announce a material reduction in the price of hats, which is worthy the consideration of their patrons.

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**TEMPERANCE LECTURE.**—Charles Jewett, M. D. is to lecture on temperance in the Presbyterian church on the 25th and 26th of May. The lecture is before the Temperance Society of that church. Dr. Jewett is a most practical, scientific entertainer and witty temperance advocate.

**J. J. H. LOVE.**—of Montclair formerly Medical Director in the old 12th corps A. P. has gone to New Haven to participate in the grand army Reunion now in session in that city.

**NAVAL CADETS.**—Several young gentlemen of Bloomfield were in competition for the Naval cadetships to be awarded by Hon. M. L. Ward. The examination took place on Tuesday, but was not concluded, owing to the large number of applicants.

**ANNIVERSARY.**—The twenty-first anniversary of the Baptist Sunday School was held on Sunday evening last in the Church, which was beautifully adorned with flowers. The exercises were of an interesting character; singing by the school, recitations of scriptural texts, etc. Fitting remarks were made by Messrs. Sanxay, Peckham and others.

### Local Column.

**MR. GOUGH’S LECTURE.**—Dr. Berry’s Church was filled on Monday evening by an intelligent and appreciative audience, the occasion being the lecture by John B. Gough, as announced in our paper last week. The fine moonlight evening was very favorable, and Bloomfield was very largely represented. The lecture was under the auspices of the Young Men’s Christian Association of Montclair. The theme chosen by the talented lecturer was “Will it Pay?” This subject which Mr. Gough handled in his own peculiar and practical manner, was highly entertaining and instructive, and needs no encomium in this connection. Mr. Gough alluded to the large number of addresses he had made and in which he always made it a point to speak on temperance. His lecture days were now almost over, but he could not give up the young men, to whom, in conclusion he made a most earnest and touching appeal.

**BLOOMFIELD UNION TRACT SOCIETY.**—The following is a list of officers of this society elected at their last annual election: Rev. Henry Spellmeyer, President; Dr. Charles E. Knox, Vice President; James P. Jones, Secretary; and C. Peloubet, Treasurer. Board of Managers: Methodist Church, J. W. Snedeker, Dr. E. Macfarlan, Abel Baker, Westminster Church, R. J. Beach, M. M. Bradley, Dr. W. H. White, Presbytery Church, W. R. Peters, M. W. Dodd, W. P. Lyons, E. W. Page, J. W. Potter, H. A. Ventres, Baptist Church, Rev. W. F. Stubbert, D. D., J. F. Sanxay, E. Van Derwerken, D. G. Garbrant, German Church, Rev. John Esselin, Jacob Fornoff.

**A DANGEROUS THOROUGHFARE.**—We call the attention of our Town Committee to the dangerous condition of Benson street, above Chestnut Station, Montclair Railway. There is, along this street a precipice formed by the cut for the railroad track, without a suitable railing or fence to guard against accidents to persons who drive over that street. Now that trains are frequently passing, the danger is much increased.

Perhaps it does not appear to the casual observer that any precautions or measures of a sanitary nature are required in our town. But we venture to suggest that a few ditches cut through that property formerly known as Watessing Lake might enhance the health of the community in that locality, and avert the spread of malarious diseases should anything of the kind prevail during the coming summer.

**SHOOTING AFFRAY.**—A dispute between Richard Robinson (colored) and Michael Graham, boys of about twelve years, occurred on Wednesday afternoon of last week, in which Graham was accidentally shot. The boy Robinson is an adopted son of Chas. Hamlin, a colored man residing on the Newark and Bloomfield Horse Car Avenue, near Franklin street. The family being absent from the house with the exception of this boy, several other boys who had been playing in the vicinity entered the house where a dispute arose, in the course of which Robinson took from a closet a loaded shotgun with the intention of frightening the boys away. A scuffle took place between Robinson and Graham in which the gun went off, the charge consisting of shot, took effect in the thigh of Graham, making a wound of a serious nature.

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The Vienna Exhibition has not, thus far, proved to be the grand and successful affair that was anticipated. Hotel fares, it is reported, have advanced materially. It costs twenty cents for getting boots blacked. Americans will be interested in the announcement that the proprietor of a hotel built expressly for transatlantic visitors openly avows his intention to get all his money back during the season of the exhibition.

**BIRTHS.**

WARD.—At Bloomfield, on Sunday, May 12th, a daughter to Theodore H. and Lizzie C. Ward.

**MARRIAGES.**

OGUEHETREE—HILL.—In Verona, N. J., May 11th by Rev. E. V. King, M. I. Osgood, Oguehetree and Miss Maria B. Hill, daughter of Dr. W. H. Hill.

GOODWILL BUNDLES.—On Thursday, May 11th, at the residence of the bride’s father, S. Grover Crowell, of Newark, to Augustus D. second daughter of James H. Kunkel, Esq., of Bloomfield.

**DEATHS.**

VAN LIEW.—At Bloomfield on the 9th inst., Mrs. Anna M. Van Liew, widow of the late Rev. John Van Liew, D. D.

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